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COHESION OR DIVISION?

During the past few weeks the critics have been pointing out with unusual vigor that Germany has lost her military campaign; that the contest at arms has brought deleat, and that the only possible hope she can have is that she may recoup her fortunes by a resort to diplomatic strategy.

That the German has turned to the last remaining avenue of escape with a desperation born of a great emergency; that he will adopt any form of trickery or deception; that he will sacrifice whatever vestige there is remaining of honor, in order to extricate himself from disaster, are foregone conclusions

He has played his last card. Whether it came from his hand, from the deck or from his sleeve, we shall shortly learn. In procuring the services of President Wilson to act as the vehicle for the transmission of his request for terms of an armistice to the allies, he has played a bold and audacious hand. It is the play upon which he has staked everything.

If the undivided answer comes back from Foch and the other military leaders that an armistice will be granted upon terms of unconditional surrender, with the allies in position to enforce the terms by the adoption of the proper safeguards, such as they may regard as necessary, then the German has played a losing hand

If there is division among the allies; if the terms of some are not satisfactory to others; if some are lenient and others severe, then the German has outmaneuvered his adversaries and he has won

We are not among those who are apprehensive over the outcome of this battle of wits, but the stake is too big not to excite our unflagging interest.

demand of the statesmen of all the countries associated in the conduct of the war that they shall stand together.

The United States went into this war in behalf of humanity, justice and righteousness, and to make the world safe for democracy. We went into it asking for no material reward, no territorial acquisition and expecting no compensation.

Our provocation was sufficient, it was cumulative, but it did not compare with Belgium, which was crushed, with France, which had been invaded, or with England, which was threatened with annihilation.

When we went into this war we joined fortunes, as we joined forces, with the allies. We knew for what they fought We knew full well what the penalty would be if Germany were victorious, and we knew equally as well what the allies would impose if they were victorious.

So far as we know the allies have never lost sight of their ultimate object, nor have they made any effort to conceal it from

Perhaps the 14 terms as laid down by President Wilson as a basis for peace do not fully contemplate the allied aims. If they do not the American people are willing that they shall be enlarged to conform to their views.

The American people do not insist, we believe they do not even desire, that the United States shall assume supremacy in the dictation of the terms of peace. The voice that should be heard most distinctly at the council table is not the nation that is strongest, but the nation that has suffered most.

The Nashville Banner says Leland Rankin has located in Paris for "Y" work, and "while looking after the spiritual interests of our boys over there, he is doubtless acquiring a bunch of French patois that will give a naivete to the stories he at tempts to put over when he comes marching home." No doubt he will, for they do say that they are irresistible and Leland can entertain a bunch.

The president took a walk the other day and visited the jewelry store of Galt & Bros., on Pennsylvania avenue. Maybe the politicians will dope it out that he will not be a candidate for a third term if he shows an interest in his wife's business.

The Republicans in St. Louis have pasted posters on bil boards with the inscription, "Good-bye, Joe." They are a little premature. Folk doesn't start for Washington until after the

The Pall Mail Gazette, of London, says it is amazed by the audacity of the Germans. And we thought there was nothing the German could do that would surprise anybody

All must admit that Prince Max talks right out in meeting. The kaiser may as well make up his mind to step down from his evil eminence.

The German people can save themselves in the eyes of the world by throwing the kaiser and his brood overboard

Prunes, even at 30 cents the pound, remind us that peace hath her victories, no less renowned than war

A rainy spell at this season usually ushers in a cold snap A good coal pile is a wise provision

The German press is becoming hold enough to call its son its own.

Movie of a Man Calling a Telephone Number-By Briggs

ILL BET ED WILL

YOU CENTRAL

BE SURPRISED TO HEAR FROM ME - COME ON

THIS IS THE WORST

SERVICE I EVER

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BY GOLLY WHILE IM HERE IN NEW BEDFORD IM GOING TO CALL UP ED DESTTING - LET ME SEE OH HERE'S 2666

THIS PHONE SERVICE

FIERCE!! I CAN'T

GET A RISE BUT

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IS SOMETHING



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FRANK H. SIMONDS' WAR ARTICLE

The Battle That Won The War-Foch's Victory By FRANK H. SIMONDS, Author of "THE GREAT WAR," "THEY SHALL NOT PASS."

whatever be the future curse of the states and the field. When the vast armies on the western front became a unit under a single command the tide of fortune turned. It became at once an irresistible force that would not be denied.

The statesmen of the allied countries have been operating with a close affiliation. The German was not slow to appreciate the significance of their co-operation. His last note was intended as a wedge to be driven between them.

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Assuredly there will be no recourse except to abide by them or keep on lighting the nor corourse except to abide by them or keep on the still to the division of sentiment.

Cohesion is the thing that has brought the allies to their administration. If they should fall apart the supreme purpose of the German would be achieved, and not impossibly led to a week and not impossibly led to a serious decisive defeat, which would not decisive defeat, which was intained and the state of the original to the decisive defeat has a more than the would be achieved and the state of the original to the decisive defeat his and the state of the close of the decisive defeat his and the state of the close of the decisive defeat his and the state of the control of the stream of the state of the control of the stream of the

No One Objective.

In this battle, in the jarger sense there was no geographical objective. The immediate obstacle before Foch was the Hindenburg line, which had to be broken, but the ultimate objective be-hind the line was the German army which is not yet routed when these which is not yet routed when these lines are written, but has been beaten in such fashion that the fact of allied triumph is no longer denied in Berlin. Napoleon's problem after Leipsic is Germany's problem and after the battle of the Hindenburg line, it is the problem of preventing the invasion of the home land and the overturn of the dynasty. Napoleon failed to solve his problem and was driven to abdication and exile; the task before William II is not lighter.

The battle of the Hindenburg line opened on Sept. 26 On that date the Germans between the sea and the Meuse were substantially on the ground which they had occupied at the beginning of their offensive on March 21. Only west and north of Lalie and south of Lacen did they had any valuable

rest and north of Islie and south on did they hold any valuable i which had not been in their in the spring, while only east ubrai had they lost any moor-ositions, likewise in their hands

Tried But Failed.

Between March 21 and Sept. 26 th Gernjans had tried and falled to wit the war by a coloseal offensive. Their fallure had cost them many prisoners failure had cost them many prisoners and many guns, but they had not yet lest more prisoners or more guns than they had taken in the successful phase of their offensive. It may even be doubted if their total losses were much greater than those of their foe, although their practice of selecting the best elements in their armies and grouping them in storm units had exposed them to much heavier losses on their best material.

All things considered the Germans stood in much the same position to which they had in previous vears beat.

All things considered, the Germansstood in much the same position in which they had in previous years beaten of allied offensive, notably at the Somme in 1816 and at the Aisne and in Flanders in 1917. Their problem was to make the allied advance so slow and so costly that it would achieve no material results before bad weather ended the campaign and gave their diplomacy the opportunity, using the military deadlock as the basis for argument, to seek a negotiated peace based upon the idea that no military decision was possible. In this contest the Germans were outnumbered and outgunned, but not in any overwhelming degree. They had just as good a chance to win a defensive victory, so far as surface conditions were concerned, as they had in the three previous years.

cerned, as they had in the three previous years.

The task of Foch was equally stuple, but of unexampled magnitude. He had, in the few remaining weeks of the campalgning season to break the German line, to force the German armies back over the whole front and to inflict upon them such a defeat as would abouish all question of the impossibility of a military decision and demonstrate that the war could be won by arms, and that therefore there was left to the Germans only the choice between immediate surrender and the ne invasion of Ger-order of the numbers had been extent of the front.

an right. The Franco-American blow resulted in The France-American blow resulted in a swift advance by the Americans are out being swift advance by the Americans and the Argonie, were slowly blasting their way forward and had reached the Grant Fre gap, having cleared the Argonie ween the Meuse and the Argonie, villank, instead of diminishing, grew, and

ciemes railroad. Ludendorff had to send reserves to the endaugred front at once and these reserves on their arrival, succeeded not in stopping cither the French or the Americans but in slowing down their advance. The purpose of the operation had, bowever, been already achieved by the strain made upon German reserves.

Meantime the Belgians and British had been even more successful Emerging from Ypres and the old Yser front they had taken Dixmude, the forest of Houlhoust and all the ground won in the offensive last year and lost this spring. They had crossed the Passichendale ridge and broken out upon the Flanders plain, swiftly advanting toward Roulers on the north and toward Menin on the southeast. A weige was thus driven between the German armies on the coast and about Lille. Alle itself was threstened with envelopment and, as the event proved, the German hold upon the Belgian coast was broken. Once more a new strain was put upon the Belgian coast was broken. Once more a new strain was put upon the Belgian coast was broken. Once more a new strain was put upon the Belgian coast was broken. Once more a new strain was put upon the Belgian coast was broken. Once more a new strain was put upon the mannently hold the Belgian districts between the Scheidt and the sea Ludendorf was obliged to gait time in which to remove the enformance and the coast and which French the coast and work of the derivation of France had plaked. The advancing of supplies and guns in the document re-

lages famous in the campaign for Verdun of 1916. One immediate effect of this advance was to break the German domination of the Paris chalons with the German conter and the Werdun railway, which had been cut by indirect fire for more than four years. Gourand, on his side of the Argonne, pushed north and took all the ground famous in the battle of thampagne of September 1915, which had begun one day earlier.

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Thus, in three weeks Foch had upset the equilibrium of the whole German front from sea to the Meuse. He had compelled the retreat from the Hindenburg line, with all its various annexes, he had insured a retirement out of all French territory west of the Meuse, he had insured a retirement out of all French territory west of the Meuse, he had ilberated Belgium west of the Scheldt, he had defeated the German army in a battle which they had accepted, on their own ground, prepared by them over four years. The ultimate consequences of his success were still problematical; no man could say exactly at what point the Germans would undertake to make a stand, but it was already certain that they would be unable to stand within French territory. The liberation of France had been accomplished the advancing alited armies were welcomed by thousands of French minimized by the more red for the sowed been accomplished the advancing alited armies were welcomed by thousands of French might was over.

Such in its roughest form, was Foch's warpenne victory. It was not wen over a demoralized enemy. Ou the contrary the Germans fought with great persistence of a collause of their high mental the forms and bravery. It was not the command, for even after the defeat was accompany the German armies were drawn.

defeat which terminated all hope, not merely of winning the war, but of im-posing a deadlock. After the battle of the Hindenburg line the certainty of a military decision, if not anticipated by a German surrender, was unmistakabl

If one wanted a parallel for Foch's tactics, one might perhaps cite method of Lee at Gettysburg. In

revealed. French, like German, strategy, is based upon Napoleonic principles, but while the German only imitated Napoleon, the aliled commanderin-chief interpreted him.

In a sense, all that is to come hereafter must be an anticlimax. The battle which we have witnessed at the Hindenburg line is unquestionably the greatest battle of the present war as

could trade western holdings for east-ern conquests. Accordingly, before he launched his great western battle. Foch threw Al-lenby against Turkey in Palestine and D'Esperey against Bulgaria in Mace-donia. The results of these two thrusts



HARRY BEAUMONT.

HAVE APPEALED to me.

MOTION PICTURE director. MY DEAR Mr. Beaumont. A FEW days ago. I SAW a picture. CALLED THIRTY & Week. AND I happened to notice WHEN THE picture started. THAT THE director's name. WAS HARRY Beaumont. AND AS I sat there. AND WATCHED the picture. I GREW to wondering. WHAT SORT of a man. HARRY BEAUMONT might be, AND WHEN the picture was I WAS quite sure. IF I ever met him. I WOULD like him. AND THE reason is. THAT FOR years and years. IVE BEEN a patron. OF MOTION pictures. BECAUSE OF the weeklies. THAT PICTURE the news. AND BECAUSE of the music. AND BECAUSE of the films. THAT BRING us scenes. OF FARAWAY lands. AND ONCE in a while. IN A very long while. THEY HAVE on the bill. AND I'VE liked the Drews. AND THE O. Henry things. BECAUSE THEY were clean. AND TVE liked Bill Hart. BECAUSE OF the bills. AND THE mountain sides. AND THE stretches of land. WHERE ONE could breathe. AND DRAW it in deep. AND SOME other folk. AND THE things they do.

BUT MOST of the time. 1 GET so mad. AT THE silly things. THAT DIRECTORS do. THAT I can't even sleep. TILL THE weekly starts. AND THEN you come. WITH OUR friend Tom Moore. IN THIRTY a Week AND YOU bring with him. A SOCIETY girl. AND DRESS suit men. AND WHATEVER they do. YOU LET them do. IN A same sort of way. AND WHEN you're all through WE LOVE Tom Moore AND WE love the girl. AND WE love her dad. AND WE go on out. TO TELL our wife. IT WAS some swell show. AND WE don't know why TILL WE figure it out. AND MAKE up our minds. THE DIRECTOR man. IS A regular man. WHO DOESN'T believe. THAT THE folks who pay. HAVE ROLLS of bills.



I THANK you

News of Memphia Twice Told Tales

OCTOBER 26, 1893.

of Pulaski, Tenn., are registered at Gaston's.

The Farmers' alliance of Shelby county, last night concluded a two weeks session of their quarterly convention, at Dexter. Tenn.

Charles Ward, the Buffalo strangler, and wrestling champion, is in Memphis for a match.

Last night at 8:30 a quiet weeding was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frey, 68 Chelsea avenue, the contracting narties being Miss Elizabeth Frey and M. T. Townsepd.

munication with the stricken Turkish ally was abolished, the enemy would now be able to dispose of Turkey at its pleasure, and there was already fore-shadowed a new front, the front of

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recognized as one of the half-dozen
nied to the greatest armies in human
history and the successful wieder of
the most intricate and colossal military
machine of which we have any knowledge. His three months from the Marneten Prance in July. August, Septomber and October of the current year,
with his three great successes, Second
Marne, Third Somme and the battle of
the Hindenburg line, must be memorable for later generations of soldiers
who study the method or of freemen
who enjoy the benefits.

Only One Phase.

Such, then, was the battle of the
Hindenburg line, as I see it, the Leipsic of the German imitators of Nanoleonic armitions as well as of Nanoleonic armiting was but even this great
diose campaign was but even this great
the Germans out of France, to rout
to the firm any event, and to this extent
he held to the familiar theory of the
Westerners, that only in the west
could the war be won or lost. But in
doing this he did not forget the east
on the contrary he timed his western
have respect his calculations were
clear. German victory in the war dedegended upon two things, the defeat of
the enemy in the west and the preservation of that empire in he east, which
was known to all the world as Mittleeuropa. If the eastern empire collapse,
the north probable of the server of the great of the preservant
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What people of ancient times were destroyed hecarise they had six senses instead of five?"
"Where was Atalantis, the island de-scribed by Plato, where people were perfectly happy and contented?"

OCTOBER 26, 1908.

One hundred and fifty prominent men and women of Memphis gathered at the Merchalts" exchange last night and organized the Memphis Art association, to exhibit Miss Mary Solari's works at A check for \$1,132 was forward.

new blow, giving the enemy equal opportunity to prepare and to recover from the consequences of the first blow.

Expands Pressure.

The merit of Foch's strategy has laim in his ability to expand the pressure over a very wide front and multiply his partial thrusts so that the enemy was never able to get his breath and color. But the strategy has laim in this ability to expand the pressure over a very wide front and multiply his partial thrusts so that the enemy was never able to get his breath and color. But Dudley Freyers Confederally killed while hunting yesterday near Moon lake.

The Jolly Musketeers is playing there were no disturbances. A check for \$1,132 was forward. A check for \$1,132 was forward. A check for \$1,132 was forward. But his high the News Scimitar that the total taxable property in West Tributed by subscribers. Headquarters for the mass meeting the West Southern cotton growers white meets in Memphia, Nov. 10, has been supplied the Memphian, was accidentally killed while hunting yesterday near Moon lake.

The Jolly Musketeers is playing the enemy work at the enemy section works at the total taxable property in West pributed by subscribers. Headquarters for the mass meeting the West Property in Flour is quoted today at \$6.50

To inaugurate its moker next Wednesday night.

pathetic citizens to the Capt. Quinton Rankin, riders at Reelfoot lake.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

To The News Scimitar:

Will you grant a little space to old Confederate veteran, 74 years age? If Germany is permitted to he a say in arranging terms of peace will not be a permanent peace, will not be a permanent peace, will not be a permanent peace, will not be a permanent peace. It will not be a permanent peace, will not be a permanent peace. The kaiser and the nation of the world need no witnesses to pear before the court to sustain charge. The kaiser's dream of the nation of the world has proved a fal, and so have his efforts to gain it feat and the utter destruction of armies are glaring him in the face, now he is pleading for peace. A crimal has no right to dictate to the center of the tence. He is a criminal, charged with the companion say as to what shall be his fate. It kaiser and his commanders have we out regard or respect for internation law or justice committed murder it on a voice in the decision of the collection of th

our boys while they face the missi of death. No time to parley with K ser Bill over peace terms. The all countries hold the peace terms alrea the home front, not the military front, as I see it, on Monday, October 21, when this article is closed (Copyright, 1918, by the New York Tribune, Inc.)

ONE DAY'S QUESTIONS.

countries hold the peace terms alread arranged, and when the German armin have been unconditionally surrender we will take time to arrange terms opeace. Keep the fight going.

C. ANDERSON.

Holly Springs, Miss.

RAPID-FIRE READING.